

I agree with this particular proposal in some of its recommendations. I feel that a better streamlining is necessary in the licensing privledges is necessary. I disagree with the grandfathering of Novice, Tech-Plus and Technicians with code to a General without taking Element 2 of the testing requirements. I feel that the current Novice, Tech-Plus and Technician with code be allowed to operate under the ARRL proposed new Novice class license. This would give these Amateurs the experience necessary to learn HF operation and to be able practice code and then to be able to take the Element 2 and the Element 1 exam. I also disagree with the ARRL recommendation to move the 5 wpm code to the Amateur Extra class license. The current requirement of 5 wpm code at the General class level is appropriate.

I feel that to have respect for this hobby that a level of a challenge is necessary. Todays society feels that everything should be given to them and that they should not have to work to accomplish anything. My parents taught me that to enjoy something and to have respect for it you must work for it. If it is just handed to you, you will never respect it.

I hope you will take my comments seriously and not just tossed them aside. Amateur Radio is a fantastic hobby and can be enjoyed by anyone wishing to meet the challenges. In todays world we need people who have respect for this hobby and for the beneficial use that this hobby serves in times of emergencies and disasters.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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